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IN BRIEF

Silverton Clinic open today, May 1, May 15

Silverton Clinic at the Miners Union Hospital will be open Thursday, April 24, and on May 1, and May 15.

Agnes Eytchison, MS, RN, FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner from Mercy Regional Medical Center Urgent Care at Durango Mountain Resort will be available for medical prescriptions and exams.

“Many of you may know her from DMR Urgent Care,” said Lois MacKenzie, assistant director of the San Juan County Public Health Service.

MacKenzie said Mercy Regional Medical Center has been considering establishing at least a part-time clinic in Silverton.

“This will be a trial of sorts,” MacKenzie said, “so make an appointment and let Mercy know we need them and appreciate their presence here in Silverton”

There will be more information to follow.

Call (970) 387-5114 for an appointment.

Hearing Monday on town OHV routes

The Silverton Town Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, April 28 on an ordinance establishing the permanent routes for OHVs in town.

The hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

School plans dinner, presentations on study of agriculture

Silverton High School students will be hosting a free dinner and presentation to share information about their recent science and humanities fieldwork in Arkansas.

The dinner will start at 5:30 p.m., with presentations to follow, on Thursday, May 1 in the Silverton School Performing Arts Center.

Road open to Forks

The San Juan County road crew reports that County Road 2 is now open to Animas Forks.

If at first you don't succeed ... Second Chance Prom May 3

If your original high school prom didn't turn out so well (for whatever reasons), Silverton School is offering you a second chance.

It's “Midnight in Paris” at the Second Chance Prom on Saturday, May 3.

The fundraiser for Silverton High School is open to all, ages

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Sunnyside unveils ‘game plan’

3-year push proposed to implement clean up of Cement Creek

By Mark Esper

Sunnyside Gold Corp. has unveiled a 9-step “Game Plan” to address water quality problems on Cement Creek, pledging up to \$10 million for the “implementation of a preferred solution” by June 2017.

The plan was announced in an April 21 letter to the Animas River Stakeholders Group from

Sunnyside Gold indicated a 300 gallon-per-minute lime treatment plant could be built for \$4 million, leaving \$6 million to fund operations for some 20 years.

Larry Perino, reclamation manager for Sunnyside Gold.

Sunnyside Gold, which has previously committed \$6.5 million for construction of a treatment plant to reduce metals load-

ing in the creek, said that by 2017, that fund will have grown to \$10 million.

And the company said it anticipates “opportunities to garner additional support from other

parties.” But Perino reiterated the company's position that its offer is contingent on the company “obtaining satisfactory documentation that it has no liabilities in the District.”

The game plan does not specify what the “preferred solution” may ultimately be, listing a range of options including more bulk-heading and/or lime treatment.

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SNOW ON THE TRACKS



The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad tracks are still covered in snow from an avalanche that damaged the Detroit Mine sign south of Silverton. But the first train of the season is scheduled to arrive in Silverton on Saturday, May 3.

Work resumes on Red Mountain Pass

Starting Monday, highway to be closed most of the day for up to four weeks

Work will begin Monday, April 28 on a project to scale more rocks off the mountainside above U.S. 550 on Red Mountain Pass, where a large rockslide on Jan. 12 led to a near month-long closure.

Since the re-opening of the highway on Feb. 10, traffic has been in a single-lane, alternating configuration 24/7, controlled by a signal.

Highway officials said that starting Monday and lasting for up to four weeks (ending prior to Memorial Day), U.S. 550 on Red Mountain Pass will be fully closed

between Ironton Park (mile marker 87) and south of Ouray (MM 92) during these hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturdays. The pass will be open all other times, with single-lane, alternating traffic controlled by a signal.

CDOT has hired a contractor to conduct the follow-up scaling work, which will involve climbing to the rockfall site, removing

and repairing the existing rock fence (which is anchored to concrete barrier on the roadway's center line) and installing rockfall monitoring equipment.

This work is estimated to cost \$928,000. Later this summer, CDOT will be contracting a project that will provide a longer-term mitigation solution for this area. That project will include the installation of additional mesh

on the slope, as well as rockfall fences and rockfall attenuators. The final design will be dependent on the success of this rockfall scaling work and the information gathered during the scaling.

The Colorado Transportation Commission provided \$173,588 in contingency funding for the design, while construction estimates for the summer mitigation project are totaling \$2.3 million (estimates will change based on scaling work).

The average daily traffic count on Red Mountain Pass is 2,200.

HISTORIC SITE IN JOURNALISM

The Silverton Standard & the Miner

The La Plata Miner newspaper began publication on July 10, 1875, after newspaper pioneer John R. Curry managed to haul an old press by pack mule over Stony Pass. The Silverton Standard newspaper began operations in 1899. The two newspapers merged in 1922.

Over the years, the newspapers have covered many important events, including the slaying of Town Marshal Clayton Delbis on August 24, 1881, and the subsequent lynching of two members of the notorious Ike Stockton Gang.

The newspaper also reported on the St. Patrick's Day snowslides of 1906 that killed some 20 miners in the San Juans, the Gold King Mine fire that killed six in June 1928, and on the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918-19 that killed 161 people in Silverton, some 10 percent of the population.

The Silverton Standard & the Miner is the oldest continuously operated newspaper, and the oldest business of any kind, on the Western Slope of Colorado, telling the stories of a remarkable community of diverse people that at times prospered and at other times struggled to survive in a very hostile and isolated part of the world.

Marked this fifth day of May, 2012.

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Our goals

The *Silverton Standard & the Miner* is a weekly newspaper written for people interested in the issues and news of Silverton, Colo., and the surrounding San Juan Mountains region. The *Standard* voices a strong sense of community for Silverton and the San Juans as it brings you the issues, characters, landscapes, and the talent of the region. Stressing in-depth, balanced, and thoughtful writing, news, photography, and topical articles on key issues affecting the region, the *Standard* keeps the greater San Juan community informed, entertained, provoked, and engaged in dialogue about the community and its future.

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MSI welcomes AmeriCorps

By Noah Chutz

GUEST OPINION

Mountain Studies Institute, in collaboration with Southwest Conservation Corps based out of Durango, is thrilled to announce that — for the second year in a row — Silverton was awarded a National Civilian Conservation Corps (NCCC) team to engage in community service and environmental restoration projects both in town and down valley.

NCCC is a program of AmeriCorps which places young adults between the ages of 18-24 in towns around the country to perform team-based service projects that address a variety of local needs. NCCC crew members gain valuable practical work experience, hone leadership skills that strengthen résumés, develop a deep appreciation for service, and return home with a much greater sense of the beautiful places and diversity of people

found throughout the United States.

From May 1-9, the Town of Silverton and Mountain Studies Institute will host 10 NCCC members that will be working on a variety of projects to improve public spaces, create access to outdoor recreational opportunities and support sustainable and healthy local ecosystems.

Although time is limited, the NCCC crew has a packed schedule and high hopes for accomplishing a lot of work. Activities include repairing and extending the Animas River Corridor trail, providing maintenance work to the Lackawanna Trail, collaborating with town representatives to enhance downtown pocket parks and picnic areas, supporting service learning and science fair activities with Silverton School — re-planting willows in

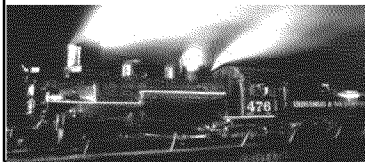
Lackawanna Wetland, monitoring iron fen restoration activities, and giving some TLC to the Miners Union Hospital. All work, of course, is weather permitting.

Mountain Studies Institute is truly grateful to the Town of Silverton for the generosity that has been shown to NCCC teams in the past, and we would like to continue the tradition of high mountain hospitality! Please join us on Friday, May 2, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at 740 Reese St. to welcome in our crew with a potluck to get them fed and ready for work. MSI will provide a main dish. Please bring a side or dessert to share!

To RSVP and for more information on our work with NCCC or ways to get involved, please contact Noah Chutz at (970) 387 5161 or e-mail vista@mountainstudies.org.

Noah Chutz is an AmeriCorps/ VISTA volunteer with MSI.

FROM THE STANDARD MAIL CAR



Anita Steck will be missed at Town Hall

Editor;
I worked for the Visitors Center for six summers and probably called Anita Steck every day for help for some question.

She always had an answer, and if not she found out. It will be hard to find a more helpful person with so much general knowledge.

I love keeping up with all the Silverton issues and miss its beauty.

— Eileen Crawford

Middle School thanks those who made trip to San Francisco possible

Editor;
Dear Silverton;
Your Middle School recently returned from spring fieldwork to San Francisco. This experience was a culmination of our studies in sustainable energy and our goal of understanding the intricacies of immigration to the U.S. in the past and present.

The students were deeply affected by our time in the City by the Bay. According to one student, "I will never forget this life-changing experience. ... I don't know how I could forget, because I pretty much found my perspective of the world and how it works. I found that to me, the world is centered on diversity, and that is the biggest discovery of my life so far and possibly my life as a whole."

As you probably know, it took a lot of work from the students, staff, parents, and community to get us there.

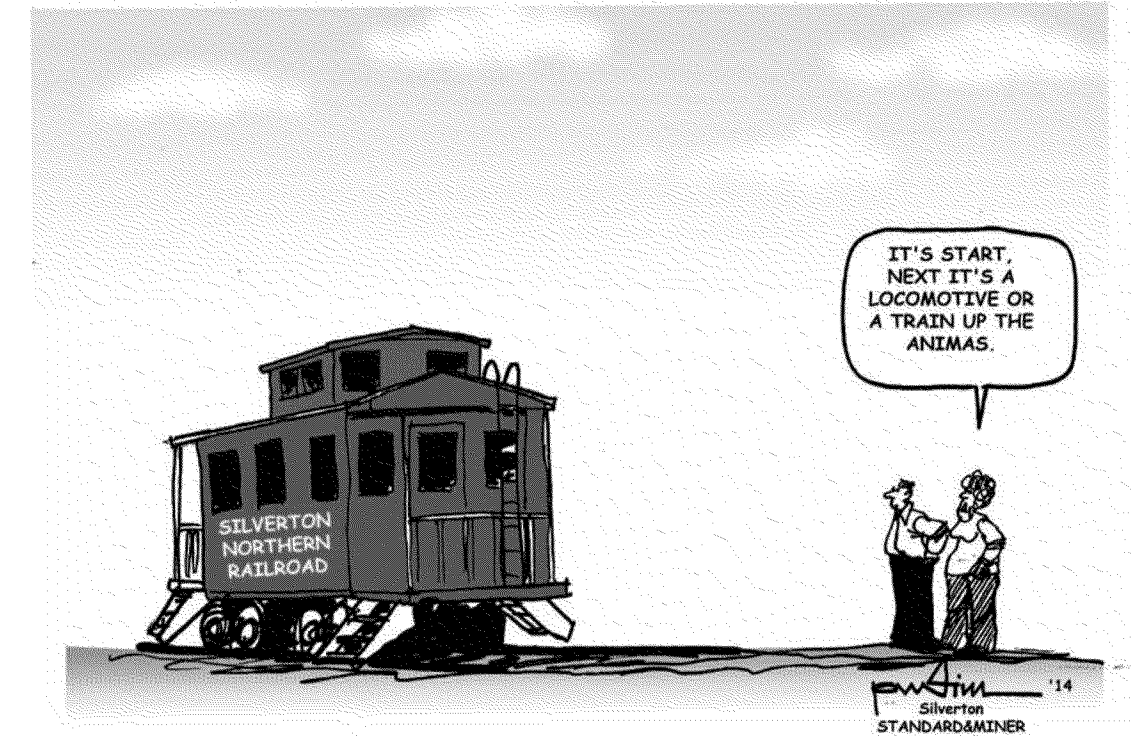
We would like to thank everyone who helped by purchasing a valentine, ordering a pizza, or buying bake sale items.

We want to specifically thank Kris Maxfield for driving dozens of pizzas over the pass, Julie Danjou for working at the bake sale during the play performance, families that provided baked goods for the play, Silverton Mountain and Jen Brill for offering space and a generous donation, Dillon's Run/Keri Metzler for a generous donation, and the School Board and Ms. White for supporting our fieldwork.

Sincerely,
— The Silverton Middle School

Write to us

The *Silverton Standard & the Miner* welcomes letters to the editor. Send letters via e-mail to editor@silvertonstandard.com, or via snail mail to, Editor, *Silverton Standard & the Miner*, P.O. Box 8, Silverton, CO 81433.



Spring has sprung, water high

By Freddie Canfield

There we were in the aftermath of our most recent episode. A young life might have so easily been lost — were it not for providentially being in the right place at the right time doing the next right thing.

All in the same day that our beloved husky, Ninja, left us behind. Thus, our hearts open and our lives expand, while we continue to be there for and with each other and keep on going.

That's the way it is up here in the high country. Intensity in our lives and in nature continue throughout this third weather week of April.

Snowfields vanish from the valley floor. Only rapidly diminishing, grimy piles between buildings or due to loader mucking remain. Water in the Animas below Cement Creek lost turbidity initially, yet continued to run strong as the week

WEATHER AND OBSERVATIONS

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
April 16	46	18	Clear
April 17	53	18	Faint overcast
April 18	56	22	Light overcast
April 19	51	27	Clear mix
April 20	56	24	Clear
April 21	61	24	Clear mix
April 22	56	28	Clear mix

warmed up beyond Wednesday's 46.5.

Low to mid-50s prevailed thereafter with the exception of this season's hottest — 60.9 on Monday, whereupon the Animas became a raging torrent of roaring mud and suds.

This was also a time of not one but two really

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Thanks for help with health fair

By Lois MacKenzie

GUEST OPINION

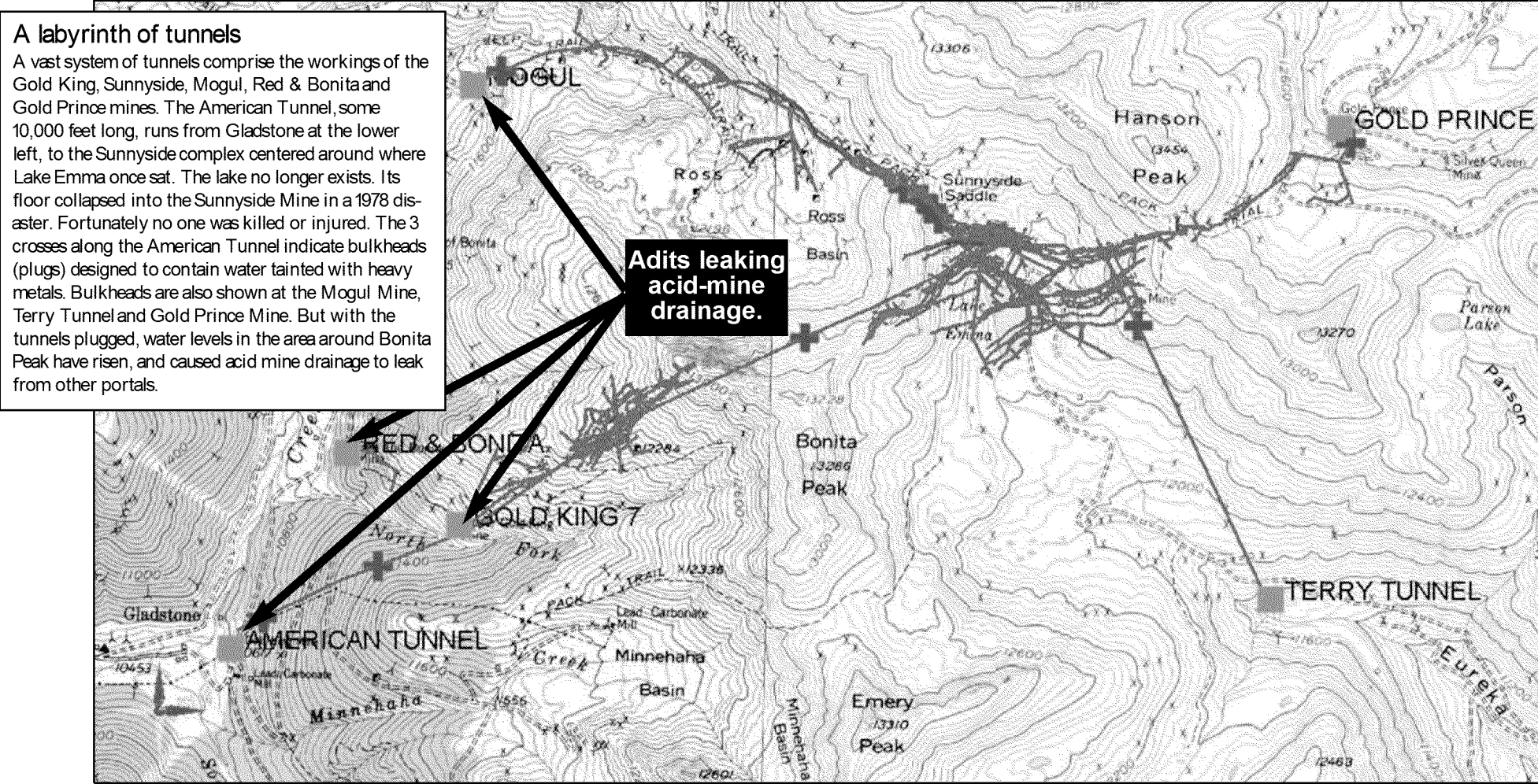
The 9Health Fair and San Juan County Public Health Service would like to thank all the volunteers for making one more local event a success. We would especially like to thank Chris Tookey, Marissa Raab, and Megan Salazar for cashiering and making sure all finan-

cial accounts are well cared for. And thanks to all participants who donated extra for those folks who can't afford to pay.

Thanks to all of our great EMTs for drawing blood! Kimmet Holland Paramedic and current EMS Director of Silverton San Juan County

Ambulance Association, Chelsea Gardner Paramedic and Assistant Director of the Ambulance Association, Margaret Dungan Paramedic, Keri Metzler EMT I, Tiffany Thompson EMT I, Laila Bryant EMT B IV, Chris Snell EMT B IV, Noah Chutz EMT Student, and Norma Sanchez EMT

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But the “Game Plan” outlined by Sunnyside Gold in its April 21 letter indicated a 300 gallon-per-minute lime treatment plant could be built for \$4 million, leaving \$6 million to fund operations for some 20 years.

And in the meantime plans are moving forward to bulkhead the Red & Bonita Mine in 2015 in a \$1.5 million project funded by the EPA. Preparatory work for the project will be launched this summer.

The concrete bulkhead plugging the Red & Bonita mine entrance would include a valve to allow sampling of water and restore the flow from the mine if necessary.

The Red & Bonita is among four abandoned mine adits above Gladstone that are pouring hundreds of gallons of acid-mine drainage per minute into Cement Creek. The situation has worsened in the last few years, although there have been some recent indications the problem has stabilized. The drainage from just those four mine adits now represents about half the metals loading in the Animas River below Cement Creek.

And that’s having an impact

downstream in the Animas, where four out of five trout species have disappeared since 2005 in the Cascade Creek area. Environmental officials point to dissolved zinc in the water as the primary culprit.

IN NOVEMBER 2010 the EPA announced it was conducting studies of acid-mine drainage in upper Cement Creek to see if the problem was serious enough to warrant listing under the CERCLA, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund. The agency subsequently reported that the contamination at Gladstone on Cement Creek was indeed bad enough to warrant CERCLA listing.

But in April 2012, the EPA said it was dropping its pursuit of such listing, due to opposition from the community.

A contingent of EPA officials was scheduled to meet with San Juan County commissioners Wednesday night to discuss the Cement Creek water quality problems.

Sunnyside Gold released estimates showing that a 300-gallon-per-minute lime plant treating water directly from mine

The ‘Game Plan’

Sunnyside Gold Corp., in an April 21 letter to the Animas River Stakeholders Group, has proposed the following “Game Plan” to address Cement Creek water quality issues:

1. Continue to gather the requisite knowledge to understand the problem. (Ongoing)
2. Continue to pursue innovative technologies to address the problem. (Ongoing)
3. Pursue funding and resources for solution. (present-Oct. 2016)
4. Undertake preparatory work to bulkhead Red & Bonita. (2014)
5. Bulkhead Red & Bonita. (2015)
6. Analyze impact of Red & Bonita bulkhead. (Commencing 2015)
7. Selected preferred solution. (November 2016)
8. Commence engineering of preferred solution. (December 2016)
9. Implement preferred solution. (June 2017)

Source: Sunnyside Gold Corp.

adits would reduce low-flow zinc levels by about 67 percent at the monitoring station on

Cement Creek at Silverton.

The company also released estimates showing that a \$15

million combined Capex and Opex treatment facility on Cement Creek “fairly near Gladstone” and with a capacity of 1,000 gpm would reduce low-flow zinc levels by about 81 percent at the Silverton monitoring station.

Perino said Sunnyside Gold believes “that the game plan presents the opportunity to profoundly improve water quality and habitats in the Animas. ...

“We are committed to the collaborative process, and would anticipate actively supporting the Game Plan,” Perino said.

STREAM

COMING EVENTS:

Science, Technology, Math:
A program for Silverton School made possible by a grant from the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

May 3rd
Second Chance Prom 7-midnight,PAC

May 9-10
Dance Recital
May 17,18,6 PM,PAC,w/ dinner.\$15.

May 21
Passage Ceremony

May 22
Graduation Day!

PEAK Summer Program:
Theater, Maker Space, Art, Adventure, Swimming

... Coming soon!

Contact
Paul Joyce: pjoyce@silvertonschool.org, or 387-5544, or stop by the STREAM office at the school for more information and to get signed up!

Thursday, May 8

2:30-4 pm

Grand Imperial Hotel meeting room

Food provided

Join representatives from the Small Business Development Center and Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado

For more information please contact:
Region 9
247-9621

No-cost help for your business!

Are you aware of the many FREE business resources in Southwest Colorado?

Region 9’s Revolving Loan Fund may be able to help you with:

- + Working Capital
- + Equipment
- + Inventory

The Small Business Development Center may be

- À Business Planning
- À Market Research
- À Financial Planning
- À Inventory
- À Business valuation
- À Information Referrals
- À Government Contracts
- À Business advocacy
- À Business counseling
- À Workshops and seminars

Is your business taking advantage of the Colorado EnterpriseZone Program?

The Enterprise Zone Program encourages job creation and capital investment in economically depressed areas by providing tax credits to businesses and projects to promote and encourage economic development activities.

San Juan County is in an “Enhanced” Enterprise zone and all businesses can reap the benefits.

MOUNTAIN HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 28

• Silvertown Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

April 24-25

• San Juan Mining Conference, Creede.

Thursday, May 1

• Silvertown High School hosts a free dinner and presentation on field work in Arkansas, 5:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

Friday, May 2

• Potluck for AmeriCorps volunteers, 740 Reese St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

• First train day! Train scheduled to arrive at 12:15 p.m.

• Second Chance Prom, 7 p.m., midnight, Silvertown School Performing Arts Center.

Thursday, May 8

• Free small business seminar on resources, 3:30-4 p.m., Grand Imperial Hotel meeting room

Monday, May 12

• Silvertown Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Wednesday, May 14

• San Juan County Board of Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., County Courthouse.

Sunday, May 18

• Bar D Dinner, Chamber fundraiser, Citizen of Year announced, Kendall Mountain Community Center.

Saturday, May 24

• Iron Horse Bicycle Classic.

Ongoing

• San Juan County Historical Society Archive — Regular hours on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (starting Nov. 8).

• Silvertown Movement Center: Mondays — 8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, Silvertown School Gym.

Tuesdays — Yoga with Elizabeth, 8:30 a.m.; Belly Dance III, 6 p.m., Kendall Mountain Community Center;

Wednesdays — All Level Kettlebells, 8:30 a.m.; Core Fitness Roller (limited to 10 students), 5:15 p.m.; Thursdays — Yoga with Katie, 5:30 a.m.; Pilates, 8:30 a.m., Belly Dance Troupe, 7:25 p.m.; Fridays — Kettlebell etc. workout, 8:15 a.m.

• Blair Street Historic District Association, 10 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Silvertown every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

• American Legion meetings, 7 p.m. first Thursday of the month, Legion Post.

Silvertown Youth Center activities

Winter schedule:

Monday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 4-10 p.m.; Sunday 3-9; Thursday, 6 p.m. — elementary movie night

Spiritual events

• Church of Christ, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.

• St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.

• Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, President Duane Eggett, Sunday services: 9 a.m. priesthood, 10 a.m.; sacrament, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 727 Greene St., 387-5338.

• First Congregational Church of Silvertown, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: silvertownucc@aol.com Website: silvertownchurch.org Look for us on Facebook!

• Silvertown Church on the Hill, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotion-al and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children's Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer/fellowship, 7 p.m.

• Word of Life Fellowship, Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

What's happening?

Got somethin' goin' on?

Contact the Standard.

Phone 387-5477 or e-mail editor@silvertonstandard.com

Kayla Zimmerman wins President's Service Award

Kayla Zimmerman, a 10th grade student at Silvertown High School, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.



Kayla Zimmerman

Silvertown High School nominated Kayla for national honors this fall in recognition of her extensive volunteer service in the community.

Kayla's volunteer service spans a variety of organizations and activities throughout Silvertown, serving youth, the environment, local health care facilities and Silvertown beautifi-

cation.

She has given over 100 hours of service in her two years of high school, so far, ranging from raising money for historical tombstones, cleaning and painting for our local clinic, library and preschool, landscaping at Columbine Park, and assisting in the organization and running of Youth Center sponsored events such as the July 4 Fun Run and the Yule Log Festival.

"I have made an effort to show my community I care and that I enjoy helping when I can," Kayla said, "no matter how big or small the project."

Kayla is the daughter of Paul and Sharon Zimmerman.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

San Juan County Sheriff's Office blotter

April 14 — Victoria M. Skow, of Silvertown, was issued a citation for failure to drive in a single lane. This charge stemmed from a traffic accident in the 1300 block of Greene Street involving three parked cars being damaged. A citizen was assisted.

April 15 — Justin A. Robertson, of Durango, was issued a citation for speeding; 49 in a 30-mph zone. Two warnings were issued for speeding.

April 16 — A motorist was assisted. Five warnings were issued for speeding.

April 17 — Damage was reported to County Road 2.

April 18 — A warning was issued for no visible license plates. Four warnings were issued for speeding.

April 19 — A motorist was assisted.

April 20 — Routine patrol and office work.

Farmington, N.M., was issued a citation for speeding; 49 in a 30-mph zone. Two warnings were issued for speeding.

Town Employee Leave Time Accrued

Concerns have been raised about the town's growing liability for employee paid time off. The following chart was supplied at the March 24 Town Council meeting:

Employee	Pay category	Hourly rate	Hours	Liability
Archuleta, G	PTO	\$33.23	509	\$16,917.33
	Comp time	\$49.85	137	\$6,831.16
Perino, R	PTO	\$18.50	250.5	\$4,634.25
	Comp time	\$27.75	81.5	\$2,261.63
Girodo, J	PTO	\$18.50	58.5	\$2,932.25
	Comp time	\$27.75	58.5	\$1,623.38
Stromberg, C.	PTO	\$16.83	10	\$168.30
King, W	PTO	\$18.29		315.5
\$5,771.47	Comp time	\$27.43	113	\$3,100.69
Kerwin, J.	PTO	\$21.32	406.5	\$8,669
	Comp time	\$21.32	3	\$63.98
Raab, L	PTO	\$27.31	413	\$11,280
Steck, A	PTO	\$15.75	23.75	\$374.25
Gallegos, J.	PTO	\$20.91	256.5	\$5,364.16
	Comp time	\$31.36	6.5	\$203.90
Sites, J	PTO	\$21.63	42.5	\$919.28
	Comp time	\$32.44	6.25	\$202.78
Nevins, R	PTO	\$22.59	153.75	\$3,474.17
	Comp time	\$32.69	15	\$338.94
Carlson, B	PTO	\$32.69	280.80	\$9,180
		TOTALS	2,820	\$69,684.95
		PTO	405.77	\$14,287.52
		Comp time	15	\$338.94
		Adm CT		
		TOTAL LEAVE TIME LIABILITY		\$84,311.41

BRIEFS, from Pate 1

13 and older, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the school's Performing Arts Center. Light fare, music and dancing will be offered. Prom attire is suggested.

A pre-prom dinner (15 percent off) will be at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant.

Price is \$20 for singles, \$35 per couple, students, \$10 each, or \$15 per couple. Tickets are avail-

able at Silvertown Grocery or call (903) 288-6745.

Silvertown small business seminar set for May 8

Region 9 Economic Development District and the Small Business Development Center are hosting a small business seminar Thursday, May 8, from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Grand Imperial.

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ON THE BUNNY TRAIL



Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner
The Easter Bunny, portrayed by Kyra Maxfield, gets help with a floppy ear from Julie Danjou, coordinator of the Silverton Youth Center, at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the County Courthouse on Saturday, sponsored by First Congregational Church. Below, the egg hunters pose for a group photo before embarking on their safari.



Fundraiser for the Silverton High School

Midnight in Paris

Second Chance Prom
All Ages 13-80/Everyone Welcome
May 3rd, 2014 • 7pm - Midnight

Silverton Public School
Performing Arts Center | 1160 Snowden Street

Light Fare, Music & Dancing
Prom Attire Suggested

Adult: Singles \$20/Couples \$35
M/HS Students: Singles \$10/Couples \$15
Purchase tickets @ Silverton Grocery
or call: 903.288.6745

Pre-Prom Dinner (Enjoy 15% off) at the
Pickle Barrel Restaurant

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warm nights — meaning actually above freezing in their entirety. Friday into Saturday at 33, and Tuesday into Wednesday above 40 — 47.3 at 2 a.m. — absolutely amazing any time of year.

Thunder on Earth Day. Wild turkey feathers from Easter feasting blew in the wind. Tuesday several varieties of wildflowers

Over at Judy Zimmerman's, crocuses bloom — purple, purple/white, white and yellow. Onions and chives are about ready to eat. New green appears in Lemon Balm, mint and oregano plants. Tough early perennials, that they all are.

Tuesday and again overnight that prevailing persistent 50-mph jet stream mixed down

Increasing numbers of brave souls are doing just that — bicycle and boot tracks, along with accompanying paw prints, give evidence out yonder.

While Mark is holding on to the leash of an anything-but-stationary sled dog, Sam, he is simultaneously juggling two cameras. Meanwhile, his dad is head over heels wrestling with a rambunctious, out of control, oversized barking puppy — Toffee — all of this only a matter of feet away from two highly focused and sternly serious flat-tailed engineers who have no time for any of our interspecies nonsense.

This lesson is a seasonal imperative, to become fully and therefore functionally incorporated into our moral tissue. Spring has sprung. Water is high. The train rapidly approaches. ...

Student.

Thanks to Joe Zimmerman RN who got roped in to serving as Lab Supervisor and Jennifer McNeil who has managed the centrifuges every year since 9 Health Fair began.

Thanks to all the interest from out of town in our little community. Caroline Brown, 9 Health Fair representative extraordinaire for the Southwest Colorado District; Kari Plante with SmileMakers via San Juan Basin Health Dept; Matthew Baskin and Rose Romero with Active Re-entry; Karen Forest with The American Cancer Society; Wendy Rice with CSU Extension Service with Radon information; and Greta Kirker with ARCH (Adult Resources Care Health) and LaPlata County Senior Center.

Mary Jo Seiter RN and Agnes Eytchison FNP from Mercy at DMR came up as volunteers to meet more of you since they will be the team giving FREE care at the Silverton Clinic in the Miners Union Hospital April 24th, May 1st and 15th. Mary Jo looked over our skin issues while Agnes did breast exams. And they both helped in any way needed.

Lynne Murison NP came out of the blue to do the

Montreal Cognitive
Assessment and helped out as
needed with blood draws.

Sharon Kuhn PA who works with LaPlata Family Medicine full time served as our Medical Consultant. She and her husband are building a house and hope to move up here full time some day.

Becky Joyce RN has been helping at Public Health this year and organized Hearing, Vision and BMI assessments with the help of Eleanor Haley, Marybelle Beigh, and Carly Gurule.

Julie Danjou, Lauren Turner and Laila Bryant assisted the students in setting up a table to promote smoking cessation.

Every time we have an event in this community I am amazed at how we all come together for the benefit of each other. Thanks to Barbara Renowden, Rose Raab, Mark Hall, and Freddie Canfield for helping where ever needed and Kevin Baldwin for serving as our interface with the school.

And best of all, Terri Brokering RN and Dr. Bob made an appearance and were greeted by all of us with affection and appreciation.

Lois MacKenzie is assistant director of the San Juan County Public Health Service.

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Commodities to be distributed April 29

Commodities distribution will occur on April 29, from 1-3 p.m. in the basement of the Miners Union Hospital.

Eligibility for this service must be determined prior to receiving the commodities. Any interested family needing an eligibility determination may stop by the Social Services office at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon on April 29. Call Deanna Jaramillo at 387-5631 for more information.

Help is available to pay heating bills

The LEAP Program runs through April 30 and applications are still available at the Social Service Office. at the County

Courthouse.

Residents must meet eligibility criteria for this program which are available with the applications. Anyone interested in this program may come by the Social Services Office or call Deanna Jaramillo at 387-5631 with questions.

Residents must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for this program, which includes applying for the Low-income Energy Assistance Program first if you are LEAP eligible. If you are not LEAP eligible you can just apply for the EOC grant. This program runs through Sept. 30. Anyone interested in this program may come by the Social Services office or call Deanna Jaramillo at 387-5631 to get an application.

PLACE AN AD

Silverton Standard classifieds are just \$7 a week for the first 20 words, and 30 cents per word after that! Call 387-5477, or e-mail editor@Silvertonstandard.com

Metal Prices

Wednesday, April 23, 2014	
Gold	1282.00
Silver	19.42
Platinum	1397
Palladium	780
Copper	3.0037
Nickel	8.2797
Zinc	.9318
Lead	.9657

HELP WANTED

Silverton Grocery is now hiring. We are looking for clerks, and a person to do produce deliveries. Applications are available at the store. Wages very depending on experience.

NATALIA'S 1912 RESTAURANT NOW HIRING for summer season. Please call to inquire, 970 387-5300 or 928 821-2587. (i)

Help wanted: San Juan Services. Full or part time starting May. Could become a year around position. Flexible shifts. Call or see Rebecca at the store. 970-387-3462. Email applications to sjsrebecca@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT – Payroll Clerk The Town of Silverton is seeking a part-time payroll clerk to work four to six hours every other week. Scheduling is flexible, and wage is negotiable depending on qualifications. Computer literacy and familiarity with payroll processes are required. Kindly send your letter of interest and resume to BCarlson@Silverton.co.us not later than Friday, May 2, 2014.

EMPLOYMENT – Municipal Judge

The Town of Silverton is accepting candidate resumes the position of Municipal Judge. This is an FLSA-exempt position that is appointed by the Town Board of Trustees. The appointee must be a resident of San Juan County. A complete job description may be viewed on the Town website (www.silverton.co.us). Kindly send your letter of interest and resume to BCarlson@Silverton.co.us not later than Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

The Silverton School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2014-2015 school year. Salary Commensurate with experience, benefits for full-time positions. Must hold a current Colorado teaching license or be able to qualify for one by the start of school. Please send a letter of interest, resume and references to the Silverton Public School, P.O. Box 128, Silverton, CO, 81433 by May 16, 2014. For more info contact Kim White at supt@silvertonschool.org or 970.387.5544. The Silverton School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Full time Secondary Math & Science Teacher
Full time 4th-5th Grade Teacher
Long-term Substitute Teacher
2nd-3rd Grade: August 18-November 7, 2014; salary \$120 per day (5/15)

REAL ESTATE

Great buy for cash buyer! 1332 Empire St. Silverton Multi Use; commercial, apartments or single family home with apartment income. Call 970-903-7071 (i)

FOR RENT

Coming In May! Newly renovated studios and apartments in the historic Benson building. Semi-furnished. Laundry facilities on site. Satellite TV included. \$425-\$550 per month. (970) 903-4132

Great Rental Opportunity High quality commercial office space available June 1st, 2014 on the ground floor of the Tower House Victorian at 11th and Greene Street Silverton Colorado. • \$900 per month, one year lease preferred but negotiable. • 600sf ground floor with frontage and parking on Greene St. • Two main rooms and one private office. • Oak floors and full custom Victorian trim. • Radiant heat, double-pane windows, French doors. • Wired for modern networks. • Nonresidential, commercial use only. Tenants responsible for separately metered electricity and propane as well as shared trash and water. Business liability insurance required. Please contact Nicole Barr at Silvertonpropertymanagement.com 970-387-0133 for details or email guygrover@yahoo.com (i)

Two shops for lease — Main Street, Silverton, Colorado! Pack up your inventory and bring your store to a new audience in Silverton, Colorado from May to October! Up to 4 trains a day, and car traffic — lots of tourists, and many events. If interested, call Barbara, (480) 947-2378. (ind)

FOR LEASE OR SALE — 1260 Blair Street, formerly Stellar Restaurant. Call 970 375-0452. E-mail mipaioff@netzero.com (RE: 1260 Blair St.) (ind.)

Benson Business Center on Greene Street to open in April/May. Five industrial/contemporary 7X8 community offices spaces available with new furniture, internet, and business services; fax, scan, copier and private conference room. \$300 per space, per month. Stop by to see pre-construction layout. tberenyi@berenyi.com or 843-696-7157 for inquiries/to reserve an office.

RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE at Old Town Square. Very reasonable. Call Tommy, (970) 316-1966

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Want to purchase minerals and other oil/gas interests. Send details to: P.O. Box 13557, Denver, CO 80201

MOOSE ON THE MOVE



Criss Furman/Silverton Standard & the Miner

A cow moose in Mineral Creek on Sunday, April 20.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS \$38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-001

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 15, 2014, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of San Juan records. Original Grantor(s) Original Beneficiary(ies) Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Date of Deed of Trust County of Recording Recording Date of Deed of Trust Recording Information (Reception Number) Original Principal Amount Outstanding Principal Balance Diane R Wallace and Donato Desantis Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. June 02, 2006 San Juan June 09, 2006 144939 \$198,000.00 \$190,027.54 Pursuant to CRS \$38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. The property to be foreclosed is:

UNIT 20 BUILDING K, CASCADE VILLAGE PHASE I, CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS J&K, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF FILED MAY 7, 1981 IN BOOK 222 AT PAGES 125, 126, AND 127 AND AS-BUILD PLAT RECORDED FEBRUARY 3, 1982 IN BOOK 222 AT PAGES 729, 730, 731 AND 732, COUNTY OF SAN JUAN, STATE OF COLORADO, AND DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR CASCADE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS RECORDED AUGUST 21, 1981 IN BOOK 222 AT PAGES 385 THRU 423 Also known by street and number as: 50827 US Highway 550 N, #120, Durango, CO 81301. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, 06/10/2014, at San Juan County Courthouse, 1557 Greene St., Silverton, CO 81433, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns

therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication Last Publication Name of Publication 4/10/2014 5/8/2014 Silverton Standard IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. DATE: 01/15/2014 Beverly E. Rich, Public Trustee in and for the County of San Juan, State of Colorado By: Amy Swonger, Deputy Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Aronowitz & Mecklenburg 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, 81433 (303) 813-1177 Attorney File # 1269.22485 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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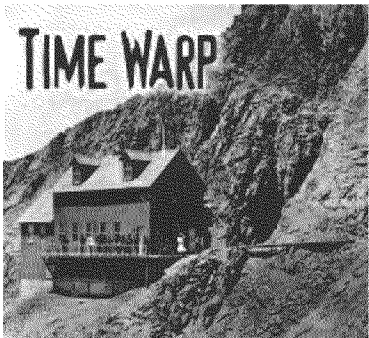
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Silverton Standard & Caboose

Thursday, April 24, 2014, Silverton, Colorado

"The past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner



From the April 21, 1917 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

122 Cars for 18 Days of April	
TO OUTSIDE SMELTERS.	
Sunnyside.....	47
Iowa-Tiger.....	14
Silver Lake Custom mill..	8
Silver Ledge.....	7
Highland Mary.....	7
Mayflower.....	4
Kittimec.....	4
Allen & Fattor (S. D. & G.)	3
Pride of the West.....	3
Congress (K. P. and G.)..	2
St. Paul.....	2
Dives Leasing Co.....	1
Big Giant.....	1
Gray Eagle.....	1
Total.....	104
TO SILVER LAKE CUSTOM MILL.	
Champion (Allen & Fattor)	8
Champion (Ross).....	4
St. Paul.....	1
Miscellaneous D. & R. G. (names withheld).....	5
Total.....	18
To Outside Smelters.....	104
Total 18 days of April 1922	

From the April 29, 1922 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

EDITOR SHOT DEAD IN DURANGO NEWSPAPER WAR.

The entire basin country was shocked when Rod S. Day, editor of the *Democrat*, shot and killed Wm. L. Wood, city editor of the *Herald*, on the principal street in Durango, the home of both men, shortly before noon Monday. A brief but heated discussion had arisen between the two men, following references in both papers to alleged violations of existing laws and culminated in a reply in the *Democrat* Sunday to an article in the *Herald* Saturday.

Mr. Wood had worked on the *Democrat* and had been in the employ of the *Herald* for about two years. He was the son of David Wood, a well known resident of the Western Slope.

A Coroner's inquest, held Wednesday returned a verdict "that said Wm. L. Wood came to

FIRE AT THE SUNNYSIDE.



San Juan County Historical Society photos

ABOVE: Fire engulfs buildings at the Sunnyside Mine on April 19, 1919. The boarding house is on the right. BELOW: Men prepare to pull their belongings to Eureka following the fire. The huge man at the right was known as "the Silverton Giant" and was reportedly more than 7 feet tall, but no other information about him could be found.



95 YEARS AGO

From the April 26, 1919 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

DISASTROUS BLAZE AT THE SUNNYSIDE.

Early Monday morning of this week a fire broke out at the Sunnyside mine that completely destroyed all the mine buildings with the exception of the tram station, machine shop and

blacksmith shop.

The estimated loss is around the \$400,000 mark which is said to be partly covered by insurance... Among the buildings lost are the two new bunk houses and boarding house recently completed and installed with modern conveniences. ... The origin of the fire is believed to have come from either the boiler room of the kitchen. When discovered the fire was beyond control. ...

Many of the employees lost

personal valuables and money.

... A special train was sent to Eureka Monday evening, bringing the men to this city. Accommodations were secured by every available building being used as rooming houses. ... During the week many of the men have found employment in other mines, others have departed for new fields and many are remaining in the city waiting to find out what the company intends doing.

his death as a result of a gunshot wound fired from a gun in the hands of Rod S. Day at Durango, La Plata county, Colorado, April 24, 1922."

... Private funeral services were

held Wednesday afternoon at his home, the Rev. Le Moyne K. Wells of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. The remains were shipped Thursday morning to Montrose, the former home of Mr. Wood, where a military funeral will be arranged for Saturday.

From the April 21, 1923 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

MILL FOR LITTLE NATION MINE.

During the past winter the Little Nation Mining company at Howardsville has been conducting exhaustive tests on the ores for the Little Nation mine, in a well known Salt Lake City laboratory, for the purpose of determining the milling process best adapted to its produce.

During the past week, A.G. Marsh, a well known metallurgist arrived in Silverton to superin-

tend construction of the new plant. The mill is to be located on the Animas river a short distance below Howardsville, and almost immediately below the Little Nation mine.

WORK STARTS ON MINERAL CREEK BRIDGE.

Preliminary work was commenced Monday on the steel bridge to be erected across Mineral creek at the foot of Greene street, Silverton. Steel workers will arrive in the next few days and the bridge will be completed before the D.S.O. highway is opened for the season. The abutments were constructed late last season. The bridge will replace an old wooden one which has served since the completion of the highway, and will be modern in every particular.

Looking back ...

10 Years Ago
April 23, 2004

While still facing challenges, Silverton's economy has shown significant improvements in recent years. According to statistics from the Colorado Department of Labor, local employment increased about 23 percent between 2000 and 2003.

15 Years Ago
April 22, 1999

Gerald Swanson made an appeal to the Town Board to allow a Tirolesi-Trentini Memorial to be erected in Memorial Park. Questions concerning site location availability to the elderly, and maintenance were discussed. The Board expressed concern over the focus on one particular ethnic group and the appropriateness of the park site.

20 Years Ago
April 21, 1994

The adventurers with a death wish finally completed their expedition on Kendall Mountain last Sunday. Ken Safranski, Tom Evans, and Jan Zabinski ascended Swansea Gulch and skied down the back side of the mountain into Deer Park. All three apparently survived.

25 Years Ago
April 20, 1989

Three non-tenured teachers were fired by the Silverton School board Tuesday night when the board voted not to renew their teaching contracts for the 1989-90 school year. Two of the teachers are from the elementary school: Ann Poppy and Kim White; the third is Lynn Hillard, home economics teacher.

Alva Gallegos made it back for the summer. She will be working at Swanson's Healthy Junk Food. Alva says she is glad to be home.

30 Years Ago
April 26, 1984

With a minimum of discussion of the merits or disadvantages of small housing, the San Juan Regional Planning commission plowed its way through proposed zoning changes Tuesday night.

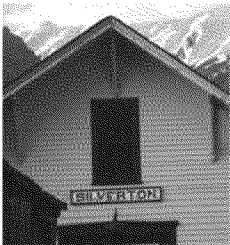
Mike Geryak was the only member of the public present, other than the press, but letters were read from Peter Meisler and Dolores LaChappelle, both of whom were unable to attend the meeting.

50 Years Ago
April 24, 1964

The Kendall Mountain tow closed two weeks ago, after a successful first season, despite lack of early snow.

With additional land, expansion of the facility is in the works for next winter., There are plans for an additional T-bar that will take skiers much further up the mountain than the 1,000-foot T-bar that was in operation this winter.

And if backers of the area only knew where they could get \$100,000 or so there would also be a chairlift, with additional trails.



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Small businesses are what helps keep our
community alive and thriving.
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largest job creator in the U.S. since the 1970s.
That's worth appreciating!